GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:181
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any guidelines on eco-tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a Task Force for the effective implementation of programmes under eco- tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. #181 ANSWERED ON 4.8.2000 REGARDING ECO TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Eco-Tourism Policy Guidelines contain:-

(i) The Eco-Tourism definition;

(ii) Eco-Tourism Resourcesj of India;

(iii) Policy objectives;

(iv) Operational guidelines for:-

- the Government
- Developers, Operators and Suppliers;
- the visitors;
- the Destination population/host community;
- Non-Governmental organisations/scientific and Research instituions.

The policy and guidelines are formulated for creating awareness among all the stakeholders involved in this activity for achieving sustainable tourism development in the country.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to set up a Task Force for the effective implementation of programmes under Eco-Tourism.